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COTTON CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under cultivation of cotton in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the estimated production of cotton during the ensuing season;

(c) the unsold stocks of cotton held by major cotton institutions in the country;

(d) whether the forward deals for cotton to be delivered during the ensuing cotton season Rave started; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The State-wise area under cultivation of cotton in the country during the last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure.

(b): Sowing of cotton for the agriculture year 2007-08 is going on. The 1st advance estimates of production of cotton would be known in September 2007.

(c): The unsold stocks of cotton held by two major cotton institutions in the country, i.e., Cotton Corporation of India and Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers` Marketing Federation stood at about 0.30 lakh bales and 1.00 lakh bales respectively as on 29th August 2007.

(d) & (e): Government agencies do not sell cotton through forward deals.